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Mackenzie River Contract Air Mail Route

and Special Flight Between Fort Resolution and Fort Rae

By G. HERRING

Chief Superintendent Canadian Air Mail Service

THE recent inauguration of the Mackenzie River Contract Air Mail Service by the Canadian Post Office Department was an event of more than ordinary interest and significance, not only for the first flight cover collector and the aviation enthusiast, but also for the great mailing public who know little and care less how mail gets to its destination so long as it takes the least possible time and arrives there safely.

The famous route down the Athabaska River, Great Slave Lake and the great Mackenzie River to the Arctic Ocean, has long been one of the richest fur-trading areas of the world. Ever since Alexander Mackenzie discovered the mighty stream that bears his name the trapper and trader have reaped a rich harvest in this vast area, which the outsider is apt to think of as a frozen unproductive waste. Vilhjalmar Stefanson has done much to enlighten the world as to the real conditions in "The Friendly Arctic," and the Canadian Air Mail Service seems likely to do still more.

Hitherto the mail service to this area has been performed in Summer by river steamers and ordinary vehicles. In the Winter months many of the places could be served only by dog-teams—naturally a slow and definitely limited means of transporting mail matter. Hence the inhabitants could obtain only letters and a few newspapers in Winter, and in Summer their mail matter reached them none too quickly.

The sudden transition from primitive means of transportation to the modern aeroplane has brought about a dramatic change in conditions. To Aklavik, for example, the weight of mail taken in by dog-team last Winter was only two hundred pounds, whereas the first planes in this Winter took over one thousand pounds for

Edmonton on 26th November, 1929. It went by train from Edmonton to Fort McMurray, but was delayed at the latter point on account of the unusually late freeze-up.

The following is a statement of the dates of arrival at the various offices on the Northbound flights:

Fort Chipewyan	Dec. 10th
Fort Fitzgerald	Dec. 12th
Fort Smith	Dec. 12th
Fort Resolution	Dec. 15th
Hay River	Dec. 17th
Fort Providence	Dec. 17th
Fort Simpson	Dec. 18th
Wrigley	Dec. 22nd
Fort Norman	Dec. 22nd
Fort Good Hope	Dec. 25th
Arctic Red River	Dec. 26th
Fort McPherson	Dec. 27th
Aklavik	Dec. 27th

Outcoming mail from the various posts bears the dating stamp of the office of origin as follows:

Aklavik	Dec. 30th
Fort McPherson	Dec. 30th
Arctic Red River	Dec. 30th
Fort Good Hope	Dec. 31st
Fort Norman	Dec. 22nd
Wrigley	Dec. 22nd
Fort Simpson	Dec. 19th
Fort Providence	Dec. 17th
Hay River	Dec. 17th
Fort Resolution	Dec. 15th
Fort Smith	Dec. 13th
Fort Fitzgerald	Dec. 13th
Fort Chipewyan	Dec. 10th

Mail Southbound from the various posts reached Edmonton as follows, and bears the backstamp

GREAT PHILATELIC INVENTORS



Aklavik. The inaugural flights were carried out with complete success, and over five tons of mail, including the accumulation which had gathered at Fort McMurray during the freeze-up period, were moved.

All Northbound mail sent on the initial flights was date-stamped at

of the Edmonton office accordingly:

Fort Chipewyan	Dec. 13th
Fort Fitzgerald	Dec. 20th
Fort Smith	Dec. 20th
Fort Resolution	Dec. 20th
Hay River	Dec. 20th
Fort Providence	Dec. 20th
Fort Simpson	Jan. 10th
Wrigley	Jan. 10th
Fort Norman	Jan. 10th
Fort Good Hope	Jan. 10th
Arctic Red River	Jan. 10th
Fort McPherson	Jan. 10th
Aklavik	Jan. 10th

NORTHBOUND

Cachet	No. of Pieces
Fort McMurray	
Fort Chipewyan	3,900
Fort McMurray	
Fort Fitzgerald	3,700
Fort McMurray-Fort Smith	3,500
Fort McMurray	
Fort Resolution	3,800
Fort McMurray-Hay River	3,500
Fort McMurray	
Fort Providence	3,400
Fort McMurray	
Fort Simpson	3,500
Fort McMurray-Wrigley	3,500
Fort McMurray	
Fort Norman	3,500
Fort McMurray	
Fort Good Hope	3,600
Fort McMurray	
Arctic Red River	3,500
Fort McMurray	
Fort McPherson	3,400
Fort McMurray-Aklavik	5,000

SOUTHBOUND

Cachet	No. of Pieces
Fort Chipewyan	
Fort McMurray	4,500
Fort Fitzgerald	
Fort McMurray	4,300
Fort Smith-Fort McMurray	4,200
Fort Resolution	
Fort McMurray	4,400
Hay River-Fort McMurray	4,200
Fort Providence	
Fort McMurray	4,000
Fort Simpson	
Fort McMurray	4,100
Wrigley-Fort McMurray	4,200
Fort Norman	
Fort McMurray	4,100
Fort Good Hope	
Fort McMurray	4,200
Arctic Red River	
Fort McMurray	4,100
Fort McPherson	
Fort McMurray	4,100
Aklavik-Fort McMurray	5,700

The following pilots were engaged on the flights:

Idris Glyn Roberts, Charles Becker, Maurice Burbidge, W. R. ("Wop") May, C. Q. Lumsden.

The service along the McKenzie River covers 1,676 miles each way, the distances being as follows:

Fort McMurray	
to Fort Chipewyan	201 miles
to Fort Fitzgerald	90 miles

to Fort Smith	16 miles
to Fort Resolution	263 miles
to Hay River	75 miles
to Fort Providence	78 miles
to Fort Simpson	156 miles
to Wrigley	152 miles
to Fort Norman	150 miles
to Fort Good Hope	170 miles
to Arctic Red River	220 miles
to Fort McPherson	65 miles
to Aklavik	100 miles

The presence of the Edmonton date-stamp on the Northbound covers represents an unprecedented but perfectly genuine postal problem. Fort McMurray is an outpost of civilization on the frontiers of the great North Country. The Post Office there is small and the facilities are very limited, and the enormous quantity of philatelic material which poured into Edmonton made it apparent that it would be an almost impossible task to date-stamp the covers at Fort McMurray, as had been intended. To have insisted upon this would probably have been to break down the machinery at Fort McMurray and jeopardize the success of the whole enterprise, which would have been a real tragedy to the people of the North. Consequently, in response to last-minute representations from the District Superintendent of Postal Service at Edmonton, telegraphic authority was given to datestamp the Northbound covers at Edmonton, where a larger staff and a cancelling machine were available. Needless to say, this did not alter the fact that all the mail in question, including the philatelic matter, had to pass through Fort McMurray and was actually flown between that point and the point of destination.

When the Canadian mail planes reached Fort Resolution on December 15th on the inaugural flights over the Mackenzie River air mail route, they brought with them an unprecedentedly large load of mail—450 pounds—for the remote outpost of civilization known as Fort Rae, on the Northern shore of Great Slave Lake, about a hundred and fifty miles from everywhere.

Hitherto mail had been taken into Rae by Mounted Police patrol, —by dog-team in the Winter months. Only letters and a limited number of newspapers could be taken by this means. The advent of the air mail service made it possible to send in parcels and other miscellaneous matter during the Winter months, and the amount of mail sent in by the first flight to Resolution was more than the dog-team patrol could carry. The officer in charge of the patrol took as much as he could, but was obliged to leave 150 pounds of mail at Resolution. This consisted chiefly of parcels.

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Perhaps it is not necessary to add that the covers carried on these flights bore no special cachet indicating that they were conveyed by air.

ACTIVITIES OF BRIDGEPORT, CONN., PHILATELIC CLUB

Inaugurating a new series of entertaining and instructive features Fred Wieler, President of the Bridgeport, Conn., Philatelic Club, exhibited his practically complete collection of German stamps at a recent meeting. The display together with a very complete but concise explanation of the reasons for the different issues proved so very popular that immediately it was voted to have other members give talks and exhibitions of some of their individual collections.

On Thursday, January 30th, Louis Atwater talked on the subject "Bureau Precancels and Why They Are Interesting." The talk confined to a brief period of time, was accompanied by diagrams showing the method of producing the U. S. Bureau Print precancel.

An extra treat is promised for the evening of February 20th, when Mr. John M. Richardson of Stratford, Conn., will show and explain Colonial and Continental Currency of 1746 to 1780. The exhibit will include bills printed by Benj. Franklin; some signed by some of the signers of the Declaration of Independence; and Currency from each of the original 13 colonies.

Mr. Richardson possesses 450 varieties of this old time currency and also owns a very complete collection of Continental coins.

—Louis Atwater,

PUFFIN STAMPS

The January 20 issue of Time, carries an article that will bear investigation by the makers of our stamp catalogues and our New Issue Editors. It speaks of postage stamps for Puffin Island. Some of our British brethren should do a bit of puffin and get some of these unique Puffin stamps.

Here is how Time chronicles these queer stamps:

"Coins denominated the puffin and half-puffin—respectively worth a British penny and half-penny—have just gone into circulation among the 40 dwellers on Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel, also called 'Puffin Island.' Both half and whole puffins bear the likeness of Martin Coles Harman, Esq., London merchant, who bought Puffin Island in 1925 and plays at being its king. On the 'tails' side of a puffin is the head of a puffin (sea bird with a parrot-like beak and white cheeks). Puffin Islanders also have puffin stamps, red and green, in puffin and half-puffin denominations, each having a handsome steel engraving of a puffin perched on a rock."

All of which leads us to wonder how soon "King Spearmint Wrigley" will issue coins and postage stamps for his little bit of paradise in the form of an island off the California coast.

The clipping is from G. M. Bramann of Akron and Mr. Bramann suggests that readers of Linn's Weekly might be interested in the January 27 issue of Time for that number contains a full page map of existing and proposed air mail routes as well as a column discussion of them.

CHICAGO FIRM CHANGES HANDS

Mr. Robert M. Hayes of the firm of Kral & Hayes Co., who have been doing a considerable business in Air Mail Cover Service for collectors, advises that Mr. Kral has retired from the business and that he has purchased his interest and will conduct the business, in the future, under his own name. This firm has been using a half column of space in Linn's Weekly for nearly four months and Mr. Hayes says that he will continue using this space. Regarding the value of Linn's Weekly as an advertising medium he states, "I know that your magazine has a pulling power that is surpassed by no magazine and I desire to continue the advertising as per contract."

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"A NEW ANGLE"

By C. A. VOWINKEL

Recently there has come a new angle to our delightful hobby, I refer to the collecting of state postmarks on the original covers. What a large field this opens to the collector—beginning with the stampless period and up to 1890.

As my collection is of the state of Ohio, I shall confine my writing to that state. The first, as I have these covers mounted, is the Stampless Cover Section, most interesting of all, for the reason that it contains in most cases original letters which dwell in a good many instances on the early history of the various towns, and then the study of the early postal history of Ohio is evident from these covers which show the various rates and changes from time to time.

The next section is the 1847 to 1857 period, which brings to light our first stamps, and as the postmark is the aim, all varieties may be found on the 51 and 57 three cent stamps. Here, too, we have our earliest advertising covers, and they are most interesting and add a touch of beauty to a collection on account of their bright colors and pretty embossed designs.

The next section with the stamps of 1861 and 1869 is also very interesting, as this period contains covers in a great measure used during the Civil War. Here we have the patriotics, prison camp postmarks, and many other odd cancellations of the time.

The 1870 to 1890 period is rich in peculiar postmarks such as county and post masters' names embodied in the circle, octagon and other shapes of the outer line. We also have many varieties of Killers, stars, shields and other designs of many shapes, and in various colors.

All in all the collecting of State Postmarks on Original Covers is not expensive, as I have bought hundreds of covers at from five to ten cents, and as stamp plate varieties are not needful to the state collector it is only necessary for him to buy clear legible markings and these can be found as a rule on the lowly two and three cent stamps of the period.

The many varieties of some cities in the style of markings are evident in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus to a great extent. Now is the time to get an early start in your state, as the supply will narrow as this side issue becomes more popular, which I prophesy will be in the near future.

INTERESTING LETTERS

The Chicago Tribune is running what they call a "contest of Interesting Letters." Such a contest is one that Stamp Collectors can become interested in and the Tribune is paying \$1.00 each day for the letter and envelope that they pick as the subject for that day. An illustration of the envelope that carried the letter is printed in the Tribune and a small map of the locality from which the letter came is also printed with an interesting sketch of the particular place from which the letter came.

Information and clippings regarding this novel contest have come from Mr. J. C. Salak and from Mr. F. W. Steadman.

Two of the clippings from Mr. Steadman are of particular interest for the reason that they illustrate envelopes bearing current United States postage stamps. The illustrations are clear and distinct and are clearly in violation of the United States laws on this subject. One is of the current 2c postage stamp and the other of a current 2c postage due stamp.

If the newspapers can print these pictures, why can not the stamp papers do the same? Answer—Because the stamp papers are not large and politically powerful like the newspapers and lack the immense capital behind them to gain an acquittal should they be charged with violating the laws.

We often pray that some government official file a charge against some newspaper for this production of pictures of U. S. stamps. The trial would be of interest to every stamp collector and personally, we would wager that the government would be beaten in the case.

BOOSTING STAMP COLLECTING

W. H. Dahrting of Billings, Montana, writes of the novel manner in which collectors of Billings are boosting stamp collecting and gaining members for the local society. Arrangements are made with different down town stores to place frames of postage stamps in the store windows. A card inviting those interested to step inside and register their names and receive a free packet of stamps is attached to the different exhibits. The exhibits are changed frequently and Mr. Dahrting states that the plan is bringing to light numerous old time stamp collectors as well as encouraging new ones.

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AN ART GALLERY
FROM CONGO

"Congo Independent State" is a colony of Belgium, located in Western Africa. It was first recognized by the nations of Europe in 1885, after a conference at Berlin; and its limits were decided at the same conference. It lies mostly on the left bank of the lower Kongo and the Mobangi, with an estimated area of 900,000 square miles. Leopold II, king of the Belgians from 1865 to the start of the reign of the present king, founded the state, and, in 1889, willed his possessions to Belgium. In 1890, he gave Belgium the right to annex the district after ten years.

The state is governed by an administrator in Boma and by different Bureaus in Belgium, all under the direct supervision of the king of Belgium.

Congo is a rather popular country for Philatelists. A great majority of the stamps are large and showy, many being in two colors. The stamps are mostly moderate in price; only sixteen of the major varieties exceed two dollars in value, in used condition. However, there are several minor varieties, and a few rarities, so the specialist can, if he desires, spend a fair sum of money. Nevertheless, it is possible for the average collector to obtain a fine representation of the adhesives of this country for quite little.

The first issue, which appeared in 1886, is quite similar in design to the 1875-1878 set of Belgium. 1894 saw the first issue of two-colored picture stamps, in the 5c., 10c., 25c., 50c., 1fr., and 5fr. values. Two years later, four new values were added, the 15c., 40c., 3fr., 50c., and the 10fr. Picture stamps from different sets were used exclusively till 1923, at which date twelve stamps appeared with pictures of the natives of Congo (with the exception of the 10fr. design, which showed an elephant's head). From 1925 till 1927, six values of an "animal set" appeared.

The first Commemorative set issued by Congo was the Stanley Commemorative issue of 1923, tall stamps portraying the famous explorer. The set was composed of fifteen values, 5c. to 20fr.

From 1887 to 1893, Congo made use of Parcel Post adhesives, surcharging in blue or black the words "COLIS POSTAUX" and the new value "Fr. 3.50." These stamps are now quite valuable, cataloging up to seventy-five dollars.

Four values of an airport set appeared in 1920, each in two colors, with interesting pictures.

Handsome Semi-Postals and a set of postage due stamps complete the collection of Congo.

NEW 5 CENT AIR MAIL STAMP

As a matter of record, the official notice regarding the new 5c Air Mail Stamp is published below.

Third Assistant
Postmaster General,

Washington, January 25, 1930.

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are notified that the department is about to issue a new 5-cent air mail stamp to replace the current bicolored stamp, issue of 1928.

The new stamp is the same shape and size, 75/100 by 1 84/100 inches, as the current, 10, 15, and 20 cent airmail stamps and is printed in purple. The central design is a reproduction of the insignia of an air mail pilot, a globe with extended wings on either side, with a background of rays of light. Upon the globe are the words "U. S. Air Mail." In a horizontal panel across the top of the stamp are the words "United States Postage" in white Roman letters and at the bottom in an ornate panel is the word "Cents." The white numeral "5" appears within circles in both lower corners.

This new air mail stamp will first be placed on sale February 10, 1930, at Washington, D. C., and for the benefit of stamp collectors the stamp will also be placed on sale the same date at the Philatelic Agency, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department.

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of the new 5-cent air mail stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not to exceed 25, to the Postmaster at Washington, D. C., with a remittance to cover the value of the stamps required for affixing to the covers.

Central and direct accounting postmasters having need for the 5-cent air mail stamp may draw requisition on a SEPARATE Form 3201 for an estimated two months' supply. These requisitions will be filled as promptly after February 5 as production will permit.

F. A. TILTON,
Third Assistant
Postmaster General.

EDISON VARIETY

Mr. James Barry of New York writes in regard to the Edison variety with spot in the "C" of Cents. Mr. Barry states that he has found a strip of three with plate number in which two of the stamps show a white spot in the center of the C. This strip bears plate number 19809, at the upper left hand corner.

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Some of the postage of 1904 from Austria appear with yellow bars printed across the stamps to prevent them being "cleaned" and used over again.

Some of the 1920 Austrian republic stamps were intended not only for postage but also for use as money.

The design on the Belgian 1866-67 postage is the coat of arms of King Leopold II.

On the Brazilian 1909 postage we find the portraits of six men: George Washington, Bonifacio, San Martin, Hidalgo, O'Higgins, Bolivar.

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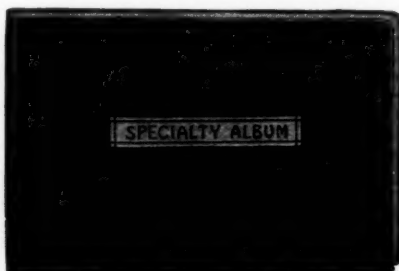
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I CHOOSE

I have received this letter from the National Confectioners Association, whose offices are at 458 Fourth Avenue, New York:

"Dear Mr. Robinson: What is your favorite candy flavor?"

"You see it's like this: Since the Postoffice Department put the sweet new stickum on stamps, there has been agitation among the nation's stamp lickners, the office boys and stenographers, to have the government go a step further and flavor it. Their only trouble seems to be to find a flavor that suits all tastes. They have turned to the National Confectioners Association for information; and, alas! the Association finds itself a house divided. So we turn for advice to some of our favorite authors." (A parenthesis here for blusful thanks.)

"Chocolate is the most popular confection. But chocolate is primarily a food and not a flavor and we doubt its practicability as a flavoring for postage stamp adhesives. If a single flavoring were to be used, there is no doubt that peppermint would suit more people than any other one essence or extract. Wintergreen is popular, too, and clove of good old memory hasn't lost its usefulness entirely. . . Favorites include lemon, orange, lime, cinnamon, violet. . . licorice. . . Have you any suggestions?"

Yes; I suggest that flavoring be omitted. I never lick stamps, myself; we have a stamp-moistener in the office. But I can imagine no easier way to ruin forevermore one's favorite flavor than to have it put in stamp stickum. If peppermint proves to be the most popular flavor among office boys and stenographers, and the government therefore adopts a peppermint flavoring for stamps, the result will be that in one year's time peppermint will be the least popular flavor among those same people. They won't mind it in the stamps, but they will never again order peppermint candy. And let the confectioners bear this in mind—that whatever flavoring it chooses for stamps will thereby automatically remove itself from the list of flavors they can use in confections.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Possibly Mr. Robinson is right. If so, the troubles of the Anti-Saloon League are at an end. Just flavor the stamps with "Scotch," "Gordon Gin," "Three Star" or whatever other brand seems to be in popular favor at the present time and presto—Prohibition will become a fact.

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WELL KNOWN DETROIT COLLECTOR DIES

Fremont Woodruff, member of the Detroit Philatelic Society, life member of the A. P. S., passed away at St. Petersburg, Florida, January 28th. Mr. Woodruff had been in poor health for some time past.

His interest in stamp collecting dates back forty years. His chief interest was in United States and Colonies and Newfoundland. Of these stamps he had a very remarkable collection, including many beautiful blocks and covers. His aim always was to secure only the most perfect specimens.

The Detroit Philatelic Society, of which he has long been a member, has for years past held its regular meetings at the home of some one of the members or at some hotel when a member preferred to entertain the club thus. The meetings at Mr. Woodruff's beautiful Grosse Pointe home were always an event that few members missed.

When the late General Charles A. Coolidge, who organized the Detroit Philatelic Society some 25 years ago, called upon local stamp fans to organize, Fremont Woodruff was among those who responded and became a charter member of the society. The Detroit Philatelic Society now has a membership of about thirty-five active Philatelists.

ROCKVILLE STAMP CLUB

Local stamp exhibitions are still continuing throughout the country and as stimulants to Philatelic Activity there is nothing better. Rockville, Conn., collectors recently had a display in one of the local stores. A special display was secured from New York to augment the local collections and Hartford collectors also assisted both in the display and by attending the show.

HUNGARIAN COUNTERFEITS

Rollin Soder sends the following clipping from the Chicago Tribune, that should be of interest to all stamp collectors.

"Stamp collectors are warned by the Hungarian Confederation of Philatelists that most of the Hungarian stamps bearing overprints of Roumania, Jugo-Slavia and Czecho-Slovakia for use in the territories ceded after the war are fraudulent. The frauds came from Switzerland and warrants have been issued against several dealers."

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COUNTERFEITS Editor Fennel AND FAKES of the American Philatelist

has jumped upon the lowly counterfeit stamp as a topic with which to fill a few pages of editorial space in the worthy paper which he edits. For fear that we may be mistaken as to our stand on this subject let us say here and now that we are heartily in favor of any plan that will drive counterfeiters and counterfeiters from our midst.

The whole question, however, centers on the method that is to be employed, but that is a point which Mr. Fennel does not discuss. He believes it can be done by asking the owner of any counterfeit stamp to step up front and confess, and to willingly mark his stamp as a counterfeit. It is not from these people that we need have fear of counterfeit stamps. Such as they do have in their possession are probably recognized by them as such and they would not knowingly sell them to others as genuine stamps. The people that

must be reached are those who would not willingly mark their stamps as false for it is dealing in false stamps that has made money for these individuals and they can not be expected to come up like good little boys and confess their sins.

However, the voluntary marking of counterfeit stamps by honest dealers and collectors will be of some assistance, it will prevent the sale of these stamps in the future by some unknowing person as genuine stamps. We can not destroy the counterfeiters, for copies of them are the best guides for the detection of similar pieces. If they are to be marked there should be a uniform plan worked out, a plan that would leave no possible chance of removing the mark and a plan that would make the mark plain enough that anyone could understand it. If this volunteer movement is to become general, the first thing that should be done is to prepare a number of small rubber stamps with wording that would clearly convey the meaning of the mark, then some ink pads of ink that would not clean from the stamps. The mark should be at least a half inch square so that it could be clearly stamped and clearly seen. In the case of unused stamps, the gum should be removed before applying the mark and all stamps so marked by these volunteers should be marked alike so that we would all soon learn the brand of the counterfeit.

One practical way of branding some counterfeiters would be for stamp societies to make it a rule of their sales departments that counterfeit stamps discovered in sales books of members are to be marked "counterfeit" by the sales superintendent.

The greatest menace from counterfeit stamps are the surcharges. Speaking with the knowledge of a printer who handles types and such things I am ready to go on record as saying that it would not be a difficult matter to counterfeit surcharges of stamps in cases where the surcharges are type set from type in current use in printing offices throughout the world. On the other hand I would as quickly say that the "so-called expert" could just as readily call a genuine type set printed surcharge a fake. In instances where surcharges are type set, it is seldom that any set rule for measurement, for spacing or for relation of one letter to another in the surcharges, will stand a test of comparison. In the same instances where there is more than one printing from type set forms, even where a printing is started on one day and may be finished on the following day with a cleaning of the press in between times, the exact color or appearance of the ink may change so that even

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One of the safest methods for collectors is to avoid any surcharge that sells at a price that is extremely high in comparison to the same stamp without the surcharge. Counterfeit surcharging is done for profit and it is principally stamps of this class that are worked upon.

LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP

News has been growing so rapidly that it actually has "growing pains." It is a big job to plan out and keep up with the development and growth of a magazine that has made such strides as this publication has made in the short space of its existence. We printed 3800 copies last week and it is certain that before the end of this month we will pass the 4000 mark. Many of our readers marvel at the fact that we produce this paper at the small price at which it is sold but there has been a definite reason behind this low subscription price. The publishers know that it is circulation that makes a publication and circulation is what we have been after and it's what we are getting. The actual cost of the blank paper in each issue of Linn's Weekly is as near as we can figure it 5% of one cent so that the paper for fifty-two numbers costs just 32½ cents. Dozens of our readers tell us every week that the paper is worth as much as any of the others and numerous of them claim it is the best and at the same time insist that our subscription prices should be raised to a dollar per year.

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Our plans are now almost completed for the day when the subscription price will be raised to one dollar per year. When this is done we have also

planned to give our readers some features in the paper that we feel confident will make everyone of them feel that we are still selling the paper cheap when it is compared with other publications.

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MILTON T. MAUCK HAS JUST

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THE JANUARY 27 ISSUE OF

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an article about H. Bedford-Jones and now we learn that his famous collection of the stamps of France is to be sold at auction by P. M. Wolsieffer on March 26th.

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York City advises that he has found four copies of the 2c Edison with the white spot in the "C" of CENTS as reported by Mr. Sameth in a late number of this paper. At the same time Mr. Wm. Geisel sends a rough sketch of the word "CENTS" as he finds it on an Edison stamp and it is quite possible that the sketch that Mr. Geisel submits is made from a stamp showing a shifted transfer.

ITALY'S ROYAL COUPLE

A clipping from the Boston Post picturing one of the new Italian Royal Marriage stamps comes from Mr. Hugh V. O'Brien of Lawrence, Mass. The stamp is of large oblong form and bears both the Italian and Belgian coat of arms with appropriate inscription also a picture of the Royal couple, the Crown Prince Humberto of Italy and the Belgian Princess Marie Jose. The young gentleman is destined to be King of Italy someday but what do Kings amount to in these days of Mussolinis', Primo Rivas', Dorans', and the like.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY STAMP

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ARGENTINE NOTES

Jan. 9th, 1930

The Cia Aeroposta Argentina inaugurated their combined passenger and airmail service between Buenos Aires and Mar del Plata, on 6th inst. The trip in either direction was made in just under two hours. The service is to be a daily one both ways. Owing to very short notice only 75 letters and 2 postcards (all philatelic) were transported from Buenos Aires to Mar del Plata and in the contrary direction there were 121 letters of which only 15 are philatelic. A large mail should come to B. A. but owing to a mistake on the part of the postal staff there a great many letters were sent by the railway route. The same company will make a survey for the purpose of establishing an airmail route beyond Comodoro Rivadavia to the towns of Puerto Deseado, San Julian, Santa Cruz, Rio Gallegos and Punta Arenas.

Later the line will be prolonged from Bahia Blanca to Buenos Aires and during the summer months Mar del Mar will be incorporated with this airway.

The Nyrbal line opened a passenger service between Buenos Aires and Mar del Plata at Xmas. but they have no concession to carry mails.

—A. H. Davis.

DICKASON'S AUCTION

Dickason's Auction Sale of Air Mail Covers and Stamps is fast becoming one of the philatelic events of this section of the country. The third of these popular sales was held at Wooster, Ohio, on Saturday, January 25th, and was attended by about 25 collectors from Cleveland, Oberlin, Youngstown, Akron, Ravenna and Conneaut, Ohio.

The room bidders, as well as hundreds, who sent in mail-bids, showed the intense interest which today exists in our hobby; as around three thousand items changed hands at more than average prices.

CAM Routes were in very good demand, complete coverage in many cases bringing more than catalogue values and single covers on the earlier routes did equally well.

FAM's and Canadian covers attracted many more bidders than at previous sales, while Zeppelins, Bremens and other historicals were well sold.

A signed Lindbergh brought \$35.00, A de Pinedo signed cover \$20.00, Evansville, Ind., Pioneer cards, \$21.00 and \$19.00, respectively, and a Carmi, Ill., Pioneer card, \$29.00.

These are merely examples of prices which obtain, and which show conclusively the popularity of the hobby as well as the stability of the value of the items, which we collect.

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ation for opening the whole length of the Transcontinental route in 1931.

A Historical Cover

Fifty years ago on Jan. 27th, 1880, the U. S. Patent Office granted Letters Patent to Thos. A. Edison on his first electric lamp, and a complimentary cover showing these facts and enclosing an official copy of this Letters Patent; franked with the 2c. Commemorative Lamp Stamp and postmarked at Menlo Park, New Jersey, on Jan. 27th, 1930, has just been received from A. G. Dimond, of Buffalo, N. Y. Thanks for a very nice tie-up of an historical event.

Mishawaka, Ind.

Mishawaka, Ind., will have air mail service on C. A. M. No. 27 soon after February 1st, as bid for transportation of same to the Municipal Airfield at South Bend is accepted. An unofficial cachet at least will identify this mail, and you may send covers to John G. Kuespert, 843 Lincoln Way East, Mishawaka, Ind., who will give them careful attention. Hurry up, pay your postage and don't ask for special favors.

Los Angeles, Cal.

D. Merkel shows me a letter from Western Air Express which says that the dedication of their Los Angeles Air Terminal will be within thirty to sixty days. E. J. Fluke, 117 W. Ninth St., Los Angeles, Cal., is their mail supt. and late comers may send to him.

Glider Carnival

A Glider Carnival is to be held April 26th and 27th, 1930, at Old Belleclair Country Club, Bayside, Queens, under the auspices of the N. G. A. and affiliated groups. It appears that gliding has become of assistance to aeronautics, in that gliders learn to handle planes very quickly. This carnival may produce a cachet, the same as at Detroit, and we trust some enthusiast will dig up this information for us.

Mrs. Chas. A. Lindbergh, by remaining aloft in her glider more than six minutes at San Diego, Cal., this week has qualified for a glider license.

Express Line

The first flight of Inter Citiar Express from Ellensburg to Spokane, Washington, will occur about March 1st, 1930, and will carry letters. This is not mail service. Send covers to Bill Wilkins, Box 161, Ellensburg, Wash., with five cents in cash, for each cover and a cachet is assured.

Allen P. Harding is authority for the statement that Titusville, Florida, will dedicate airport some time in February.

Buffalo Aviation Show

This event will be held March 22-29, 1930, and Colonial Western Airways will provide a cachet in different colors each day. Send covers to Max Pollet, 1102 Rand Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y. Efforts are being put forth to have a P. O. branch and special cancellation.

Prairie Flights

A. G. Dimond reports that a late bulletin from Ottawa states that these flights will take place at the end of February or beginning of March. So there is still time to send your covers.

Brooks' Bulletin says that CAM No. 9 from Chicago, with stops at Rockford and Elgin, Ill., and Janesville, Beloit and Madison, Wis., is assured for March 1st, and that Stanley Dale, 609 Milton Ave., Janesville, Wis., will handle your covers at that city. Also that L. S. Clark, 3127 Nicolett Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., an A. A. P. S. member, will take care of covers on St. Paul to Winnipeg flight. Prepay your postage and ask no special favors.

Received

Covers from First Night Flights on C. A. M. No. 20, on Jan. 27th, came in bearing a neat cachet showing map of the territory and the line of this route, applied by the contractor.

Oskelaneo Flight

A letter received by Chas. Winchell from the Supt. of Air Mail Service at Ottawa states, that the First Flight from Oskelaneo to Chibougamou, actually took place on December 24th, although postmarks bear date of December 23d. being delayed by weather conditions. The First return flight was for the same reason prevented until December 31st. This service penetrates a remote area and serves a gold mining district.

Women's Flying Clubs

Women's Flying Clubs have been organized at Boston, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; and New York City. Thus aviation goes into society and in such organization respects, the "fair" sex seems to outdistance the male element.

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N. G. A.

The National Glider Association is growing rapidly. It now has twenty-nine affiliated Glider Clubs, of which nine clubs are in Michigan and four clubs in Ohio, and has an individual membership of one thousand and fifty members. Gliding is another field of activity which is bound to produce a line of souvenir covers very soon. Has anyone started such a collection yet? I have a few of these from our European friends who have been gliding for some years.

Mexican Line

Plans are being made by Inter Americas Air Transport Co., for a line which will connect Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, and Tapachula, state of Chiapas. Mexico will be the junction point for the north and south branches of this service which is expected to start early this year. The northern branch will stop at Monterey, Saltillo, Matehuala and Queretaro City. One of the southern branches will stop at Teziutlan, Jalapa, Tuxtepec, Oaxaca City. A second southern branch will stop at Puebla City, Oaxaca City and Tehuacan, and there may be a third with stops at San Jeronimo and Tonalá.

Milford, Conn.

Aviation says that the Hiram Bingham Field at Milford, Conn., will be dedicated about May 1st. No mention of cachet.

Canadian Transcontinental

Western Canada Airways is said to have seven Fokkers and three Boeing planes ready for service as soon as the Canadian government sets a date for the opening of its Transcontinental service, which according to reports may soon be expected.

Belgrade-Vienna

Mail service between Belgrade and Vienna, Austria, by way of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and Gratz, Austria, will be opened in February, 1930.

Row, Oklahoma, still has no date set for its dedication.

North and South Dakota are clamoring for an Air Mail Line from Fargo, N. D., to Omaha, Neb.

E. W. Determan has a crash cover damaged in a mail plane at Park City, Utah, on March 11th, 1929.

Covers Received

Balance of Canadian Arctic Flight to far north Aklavik have been received.

Covers from All American Air Races at Miami, Fla., from Jan. 13-18, have been received and bear a very nice cachet.

From St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 13-18, come covers commemorating the 16th anniversary of the First Commercial Air Line, with the beautiful cachet which was printed in this Weekly.

Mass. State Tour

The American Legion Aviation Committee of Boston, Mass., is sponsoring a State-wide Air Tour in April, in connection with an aircraft show to be held in Boston at that time.

Non-Stop to S. America

A non-stop refueling flight from New Haven, Conn., to South America, a distance of 7500 miles is said to be attempted the latter part of this month. Capt. Ed. Brooks of New York will be the pilot and thinks the trip can be made in 90 hours. Wonder who has the scoop on letters that may be carried?

Co-operators

E. W. Determan, Everett Erle, Lester Newbern, Harry Fleury, Paul Bessikummer, A. H. Baker, Harold Rosenthal, Donald Dickason, D. Merkel, and J. J. McNamee.

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No. 4

Tejeria (Vera Cruz), San Jeronimo, Arriaga, Tapachula. 420 miles.

No. 5

Mexico, Morelia, Guadalajara, Tepic, Mazatlan, Culiacan, C. Obregon, Guayamas, Hermosillo, Nogales, Mexicali, Zaragoza (Tijuana). 1300 miles.

No. 5B

Mexico, Pueblo, Oaxaca, San Jeronimo, Tonalá, Tapachula, Mariscal. 690 miles.

No. 6

Mexico, Zacatecas, Torreon, Jimenez, Chihuahua, Ciudad Juarez. 1000 miles. Branch: Nogales, Cananea, Chihuahua. 345 miles.

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A wonderfully active month just passed which showed greatly in the growth of our Society. Just thirty days from organization and we list seventy paid in members, every one of them a real active collector whose interest is in the progress of the hobby. This growth is just fine and shows that our members are active. There has been a daily call for membership blanks. They are here for you. Don't be afraid to ask for them. If you have an active collector friend, a real fellow, tell him about the A. A. P. S. and convince him or her that their place is with us.

A list of members up to and including No. 66 have been mailed to members. These went to you in with your Bulletin No. 6 on January 28th. If yours has not been received, just let us know and it shall go forward at once. Those of you who now have had the first chance to look this list over must have smiled at the high grade list of members. You have noticed names there who are internationally known and whose ideas of what an Airmail Society should be or they would not have come in with us. The next month will show changes in numbers equally as great and will list names of those whose activities in the advancement of the hobby are well known to you. This Society isn't an experiment. It was organized with the idea of making the members partners in its government. We are not coaxing any one to come in with us. That isn't necessary. We know you need us as well as we know we need you. When number 100 is reached the Charter closes. The first 100 members shall be known as the organizers. It is an honor worthy of securing. Send in that application now.

The Secretary and the Chairman both of whose names appear on the membership cards are making a double check on all mailings of data to members so no member will be missed. All membership cards up to and including No. 67 have been mailed. If yours has

not arrived please notify the Secretary.

It is gratifying indeed to note that members are using their AAPS number on their letters. This is as it should be and we urge you to continue to do so. Our Society it worth advertising. This is an excellent way to do it.

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Members who are not receiving the Bob's Airmail Bulletin Service are missed because they have not as yet sent in a supply of self-addressed and stamped envelopes in which the bulletins are to be mailed to you. Please do so at once. Valuable data is going out very often and you should have the benefit of it. During the month of January there has been seven bulletins issued and mailed. These are not just notices but are sheets measuring 8½x13½" and are filled full of closely typed material of future events or data making it easy to get in on advance events. This department is not slighted. It is a service efficiently handled, is clean cut news gathered from many sources, every one of which is reliable. Every item is proven data and credit is given its source. We know the events on this bulletin service are extensively copied and we would enjoy receiving credit but if not done so we have no bone to pick because it is for

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Bob's Bulletin No. 7 issued on January 30, 1930, lists a complete air line coverage of South America. The nine air mail lines are given together with their addresses, their mileage and all points served. It is a valuable data and something you should have. Write in for this bulletin. It will be a pleasure to pass extra copies out to collectors.

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ment. We desire members full of pep, full of ambition, full of ability to be at the head of these important departments. Those who would like to take hold of this part of the Society will kindly write in to the Chairman and state your qualifications in full. We have members who can handle these nicely. We want to locate them. Here is a chance for some ambitious chap to get his name placed upon the chart of international introduction. These shall be operated as two departments with a superintendent in charge of each. Let us know who is ready to get to work.

We have plenty application blanks, you have plenty collector friends. Why not get them together. Tell us you need blanks. We have plenty of them. Send Bob the names of your collector friends also their addresses. We will send sample bulletins to them and you can be sure not many gets away once we get after them.

Bob, the Lumberman, stubbed on a splinter yesterday—"A prominent collector and dealer made a statement recently which went like this, (Well, in my mind there is only one Airmail Society and that is (?))—Bob says, this collector has been so busy lately that he hasn't noticed the fine new plane flying about with A. A. P. S. plainly marked upon it. He has heard the drone of the motor alright but hasn't noticed the jolly crowd aboard. He is a jolly fellow himself and will soon be aboard. The real airmail collectors just can't miss out on this." Who is it, YOU?

One member asked recently if we were going to hold our Convention in Cleveland this coming fall during the air races. Well, it isn't a bad idea at that. If that live Cleveland bunch of collectors would get wise and use a few more application blanks they could start another Coxey's Army marching their way and how. Our goal is a high one by fall and our Convention will be a hummer.

—R. A. Brooks, Chairman
January 30, 1930.

THOSE AGUINALDO STAMPS

Fred Whitledge of Henryetta, Oklahoma, sends the following clipping from the January 9 issue of the National Tribune. Spanish-American War Vets whose children have grown up by this time might get some of the stamps for their grandchildren.

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THE VALUE OF STAMP COLLECTING

On January 24th, Mr. W. O. Markham of Mineral City, Ohio, gave a thirty-minute talk on "The Value of Stamp Collecting," before the East Sparta High School classes. Mr. Markham suggests that others adopt this method of spreading the gospel of stamp collecting and the suggestion is without doubt a practical one.

HIGH SCHOOL STAMP SHOW

Members of the Coolidge Junior High School Stamp Club of Natick, Mass., recently held a very interesting stamp exhibition at the school. Each member of the club

displayed his favorite country. So much interest was shown in the exhibition that plans for a larger show at an early date are being made. The club officers for the year are Holt Monghan, President; Jack Downing, Vice President, and Wentworth Quast, Secretary. This news comes from Bart O'Donnell, Jr.

CONCERNING COMMEMORATIVES

It seems to me, that we modern collectors herald the approach of a new stamp-issuing country with less enthusiasm than the old-timers did. Years ago, the majority of philatelists welcomed an enlarged field of collecting, because collections then were so nearly complete, as to make further accumulation very hard. Nowadays every new issue makes completion more impossible, there is not even a vague hint of working for an ultimate goal.

Way back when the four "S" club was formed (Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps) unnecessary issues were given an all-round condemnation. Public disapproval was shown even for our own country's Columbian Issue. Now, the S. S. S. S. is no longer heard of. The general attitude has changed.

Although sets like those Portugal (and Azores) have been issuing during the last few years, are doing much to prejudice collectors against commemoratives, a single low value stamp, or a short set, such as the recent U. S. and the Egypt Congresses, recruit more and more to our ranks each year.

Daily the various countries are waking up to the fact that a short cheap set is best. This was shown when, in 1926, Egypt overprinted the high values of its Agriculture Set with lower values. However, this overprinting of remainders is not without faults, as it makes the original set, practically "out" for the more medium collector.

And even with all this pro and con stuff concerning the one pound British Postal Union stamp, I still persist in saying that commemoratives are beneficial because of the philatelic publicity.

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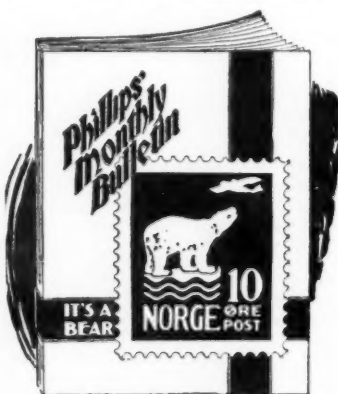
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OLD TIMER RETIRES

After over 25 years of activity as a dealer in stamps, John Hubel, one of the Old Time Dealers of Detroit, has retired from active business in stamps. Mr. Hubel was one of the first to seriously take up Precanceleds. For several years past his eyesight has been failing and he has just recently disposed of his accumulation of stamps to other parties.

Clyde Jackson of the Wayne Stamp Society has purchased the entire stock of precanceled stamps held by Mr. Hubel. The balance of the stock of U. S. and foreign stamps, albums, supplies, etc., have been purchased by Karl Koslowski.

EDISON SOUVENIR

Albert G. Dimond of Buffalo, New York, has remembered Linn's Weekly with a very interesting piece of mail that would work well into a collection of Edison Stamps. The letter is mailed from Menlo Park, N. J., on January 27th, and bears a typewritten cachet calling attention to the fact "Fifty years ago today, January 27, 1880, the United States Patent Office granted Letters Patent No. 223,898 to Thomas Alva Edison, Menlo Park, N. J., for his invention of the First Electric Lamp." The envelope contains a copy of the original patent papers as issued to Edison. What a frontispiece for a collection of Edison stamps!

ANOTHER FREAK SHEET

News of the freak sheet of current 2c stamps reported by Don C. Minick of Toledo, has brought word of another similar sheet reported by Everett G. Emerson of Elkhart, Indiana. Mr. Emerson describes the sheet as follows: "This sheet contains 110 stamps. It is the lower left hand sheet of the current 2c rotary press print. It had been torn down through the center and pasted together with a strip of gummed tape before cutting into sheets of 100. Apparently it had been folded before cutting and consequently the first row of stamps in the sheet to the right was added to this sheet including the narrow cutting margin between the two panes. The sheet was marked with a blue pencil on the back but was not taken out and destroyed. I expect the sheet on the right was minus a row of ten stamps."

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